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WHY CUNNINGHAM, WERTH AND ASHCRAFT KICK.

In order that the people of Ashland may have a clear understanding of the difference between the springs water commission and Councilmen Cunningham, Werth and Ashcraft it may be stated that these gentlemen were never in favor of the project being carried through by anybody outside of the council. They were against the creation and election of the springs commission—they wanted to spend the money and carry out the project themselves—and when the people decided by their vote that a commission separate and apart from the council should have charge of the installation of the springs water project Mr. Cunningham went off in a huff and declared that the people did not have brains enough to act intelligently and should have a guardian. Not only did he make this statement to Mr. Greer, he made it to others. Ever since that election Councilmen Cunningham and Ashcraft

have been secretly against the project, solely because of resentment against the action of the people in depriving them of (we presume) the glory and honor of the work, and every inch of concession from the council has had to be wrung out of them through fear of public condemnation. Besides that, these men have privately and continuously insinuated against the integrity, and have publicly criticised and condemned nearly every action of the springs water commission. They have said things about Mr. Greer that justify suit for slander, and which would have been commenced before this were it not that the success of the enterprise is of vastly more concern than the reputation of any one man. Furthermore, Mr. Greer believes absolutely in what Emerson was pleased to call "the law of compensation," and inasmuch as these gentlemen, living in glass houses themselves, insist on throwing stones, has been content with the thought that possibly some day they may discover that their own domicile is not invulnerable to malicious attack by over-sensitive, supercritical individuals bent on handicapping them in their work because of a personal pique aroused by some circumstance entirely aside from and beyond their control, notwithstanding the critics know little of the facts surrounding their actions and make loud acclam of their lack of confidence in the intelligence of the people who were foolish enough to raise them to power.

Furthermore, Mr. Greer realizes, as do the other members of the commission, that in the final analysis they must be judged by the results obtained regardless of what Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Ashcraft, or what we ourselves may say. It is results that count, and the springs commission is willing to stand square on that ground. The commission knows that so far it has worked with diligence and good conscience and it believes it has obtained as good results in the work as may reasonably be expected from the average business man—that and nothing more—and it is willing to continue the work as best it can, if the people desire that it should; but it will not sit supinely by and permit its work to be handicapped and the reputation of its members assailed by men whose experience in public life should have

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taught them, had they aptness to learn, how easy it is to find fault and condemn acts of public administrators without having knowledge enough of the facts to justify criticism, and how hard it is for public men to accomplish good results under such unjust criticism and handicap. We can find no excuse for such action, by such men, save on the ground that they have allowed their personal spite, prejudice and jealousy to outweigh their regard for the future of the community in which they live.

TAXES ARE HIGH.

Some complaint is made throughout the country against high taxes. The tax rate in many Oregon cities has been raised this year because, after January 1, no revenue will be forthcoming from saloon licenses. Other towns have gone into developments that cost money and taxes have been raised to meet the cost. High taxes are most felt in cities that stand still. It's hard to acquire money to pay either small or great taxes in a dead town. The way to overcome the tax burden is to make your town go, so that new blood and money come rapidly in and employment may be found for its citizens. It is the interchange of effort that spells prosperity—where everybody is transacting business with everybody else—in so doing they create wealth and profitably utilize what they have—that spells prosperity. The merchant who turns his stock over oftenest makes the greatest yearly profit. The man who keeps his eye on the ledger only to reduce expense soon finds that he has strangled his business. Just so with communities. Get your town to moving and keep it so and the burden of taxes will not be felt. If it takes more expenditure to keep it going, make the investment. It is the best money that can be employed.

BACKSTEPPING TO BE TABOOED.

The year 1916 will mark the turning point in the commercial history of Ashland. Either it will turn up or turn down. The people have invested \$175,000 in a great enterprise and at great tax cost. The year 1916 is the critical period. If the thing is made to succeed as splendidly as is justified by the natural resources upon which it is based, the development will prove a tax reducer instead of a tax raiser. Taxes will be reduced by the acquisition of new taxable valuation. But, if the thing is allowed to drag it will prove a great burden to taxpayers, it will be adding a tax burden of some \$9,000 a year without offset. The thing has simply got to succeed. The only way it can be made go is for the people of Ashland to get behind it, tooth and nail, and literally run over the backstepper if he gets in the way. In order to make of it what it should, and can be made, next year the park board, the council and the springs water commission should work in complete harmony. Each of these departments have work to do that will contribute materially to the success or failure of the enterprise, and these city departments should not be pulling apart. The jurisdiction of each should be specifically set out so there will be no conflict and the work proceed through the different departments without friction. But, over and above all, the people should see that the men elected to the council at the December election, as well as the member to be elected on the park board and the springs commission, are those who have faith in the future of the town and are willing to work hard and conscientiously to that end. Backsteppers, if there be such, should be dropped from the council, the park board and the springs water commission. A backstepping policy will not, cannot be made to, win.

FORGET "HARD TIMES" TALK.

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Ashland's biggest payroll, the Southern Pacific payroll, has increased greatly in the past year. While not a good fruit year, returns were uniformly greater than last year. All of the small industries of the city are flourishing. Last but not least, all but a few thousand of one hundred and seventy-five thousand good hard silver dollars were paid out in the city for the springs and park development, while irrigation projects, road building and other activities throughout the country have provided ample employment during the past year. Times are not hard in Ashland. There should be, and we believe there is, more money in circulation in Ashland today than there has been for the past three years. The three winter months ahead will not be full of activity, but should be spent actively preparing for the coming year. Prosperity is spreading from the wheat and corn belts and the factory belts of the east, which are busy with war trade, to the entire country, and Ashland has a big lead on other sections in that while other sections have



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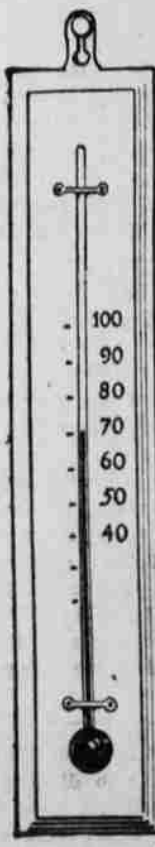
been backsliding, Ashland has been forging slowly ahead. The paramount problem in Ashland is providing means for realizing on outside prosperity.

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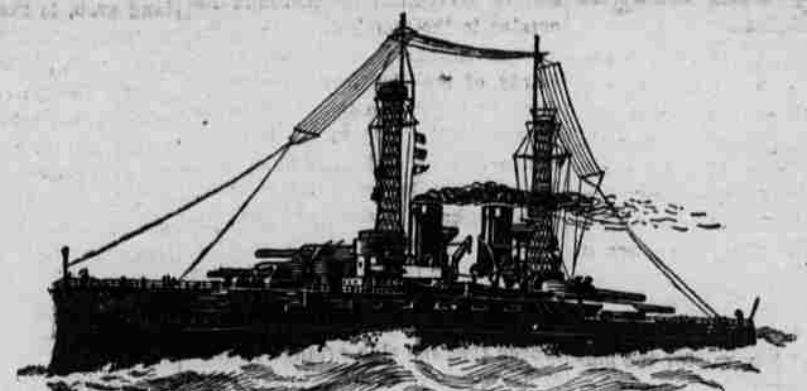


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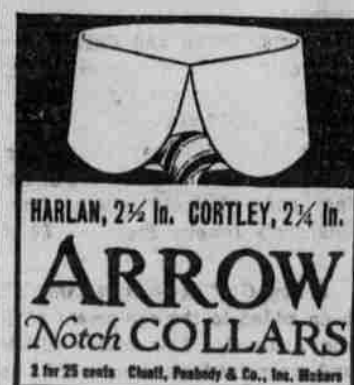
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